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A true and tried public servant was called home yesterday morning when ex-Congressman Grout died. For a quarter of a century he has been in public life, always battling for the right as he saw it, and always ready to expose the slanders and tricks of those on the wrong side. His death is keenly felt in St. Johnsbury where he had a host of friends. Of him it can be truly said, Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

The abnormal price of coal and its sale in jewelry stick pins in Chicago has recalled to the memory of a Chicago journalist that in one of Hoyt's old farces two stage characters, Renben and Cynthia, dressed as Quakers, sang a topical song, of which the stanzas were entertaining because of their manifest absurdity. One of the exchanges between the singers was about the hard coal question.

Renben. Renben, I've been thinking
What an awful thing 'twould be
If they took to burning diamonds
And sold coal for jewelry.

Cynthia. Cynthia, I've been thinking—
And I know you'll take my word—
Not one but the population
Ever'd know it had occurred.

Women and the Referendum.

Ex-Senator Edmunds has been interrogated by the secretary of the Woman's Suffrage Association and supports the position previously taken by ex-Senator Jonathan Ross as to the right of the women voting on the referendum of the license law. In reply to the special inquiry relating to the "constitutional right of a legislature to empower women to vote on a referendum," the following extract from his letter gives his answer:

"Inasmuch as the constitution of Vermont does not mention in any way such a method of exercising law, I think if the legislature can make a law in force or not in force, depending upon a future contingency not mentioned in the constitution, it may make that contingency whatever it pleases, and may declare that the law shall go into effect when a majority of the men and women citizens of the state, or perhaps even residents, shall vote to put the law in effect, and without such majority it shall not be in force."

Legislative Notes.

The vote for governor was reached last Wednesday afternoon and was quickly settled. In joint assembly the canvassing committee reported the official count of each of the state officers and announced that in the case of governor and lieutenant governor there had been no election. Tellers were appointed and a ballot for governor was taken with the following result:

Whole number of votes,	268
Necessary for choice,	135
John G. McCullough had,	164
Felix W. McGerick,	45
Perceval W. Clement,	59

and John G. McCullough was declared elected amid cheers and prolonged applause.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of lieutenant governor, with the following result:

Whole number of votes,	252
Necessary to choice,	127
Zed S. Stanton had,	181
Eliza May,	37
Frank W. Agan,	35

and Zed S. Stanton was declared elected amid applause.

The election of speaker was taken on Wednesday morning and Justin Bartt of Springfield, nominated John H. Merrifield, of Newfane, P. G. Bundy, of St. Johnsbury, placed in nomination Eli H. Porter, of Wilmington, W. H. Morehouse, of West Haven, nominated Z. H. Ellis of Fair Haven. The vote resulted in the election of Mr. Merrifield, bringing applause. The vote was:

Merrifield,	156
Ellis,	10
Porter,	65
Conland,	1

The House has elected Thomas C. Cheney of Morrisville, clerk; L. B. Johnson of the Randolph News and J. W. Sault of St. Johnsbury as official reporters. Rev. H. H. White of Whiting is chaplain.

The Senate has elected Senator Brownell of Burlington president pro tem, W. K. Farnsworth of Rutland secretary; Homer L. Sears of Ludlow, assistant secretary; Riv. M. W. Farnham of Westfield chairman. The vote for secretary stood Farnsworth 17, C. T. Walter of the St. Johnsbury Republican 12, Max L. Powell of Burlington 1. The Rutland Herald says of the contest:

"There was a stiff contest for this office this year and the victory was won by Mr. Farnsworth only after a dogged fight."

Gov. McCullough has appointed the following staff: Surgeon-General, Jesse E. Thompson of Rutland; aides-de-camp with the rank of colonel, Frederick E. Burgess of Burlington, George E. Leland of Springfield, Charles W. Ruter of St. Johnsbury, Limi D. Taylor of Brattleboro, John G. Norton of St. Albans. The latter is also inspector of rifle practice. Gov. McCullough has appointed E. L. Bates of Bennington secretary of civil and military affairs.

Alexander Dunnett of St. Johnsbury appeared before the canvassing committee as Mr. Clement's lawyer, but was asked to withdraw as the meeting was only for members of the committee. Mr. Dunnett complied with the request and later in the week drafted a high license bill for Mr. Clement which was presented in both House and Senate Friday.

OUR MONTPELIER LETTER.

The Element Factor—Gov. McCullough's Message—Interesting News of the Doings of the Legislature.

Brer. Editor and Readers:

It may be well to pay a little attention to the immediate past, before proceeding to a consideration of the present and future of legislation. I can't really say that the smoke of battle has cleared away, because there wasn't any battle. There wasn't any engagement, and no one was injured except in his feelings. What was certainly expected to be a red-hot and hand-to-hand engagement turned out to be the most genteel fiasco known in Vermont political history. Like the Irishman's tree trunk, it proved to be "only a h-ll of a noise." Seriously, the dropping out of the entire bottom of the Clement fight is as astonishing and as comprehensive to the Clement members and adherents as to the followers of McCullough. It is not and probably never will be satisfactorily explained and understood. From the continual uproar and din kept up by the Clement forces until the last moment, and from the threats and continued assurances of the Rutland Herald the McCullough forces had every reason for expecting the worst. The fact was, however, that the rank and file of the Clement members were not in the confidence of the leaders, and the leaders themselves had no organization or program. They simply kept up the bluff to the last, without any definite idea of what they could do, or hope of doing anything.

And then, the McCullough army was ably officered and thoroughly organized, and had the votes. When the Clement political loss they went to pieces "all once and nothing first just as bubbles do when they burst," both the regulars and the ants we most vehemently and profanely disgusted, the first because they had been so lucidly and unmercifully and without reason and the latter because they had been ignorantly led to the slaughter. Their leaders led them into a swamp, and left them to founder out as best they could. What the result on the future history of state politics will be, no one tries to predict. But the political stream will in time purify itself, and in 1904 will come a new alignment of forces.

The "straight" speakership caucus of Tuesday night cleared the air, and for the first time unveiled the structural weakness and nakedness of the opposition. The regulars then gave a gasp of astonishment, and set their jaws in a determination to rush things from that hour on. And rush things they did. The program for the organization of the House was rushed through the next morning, and that a completed not an hour was lost in commencing the election of McCullough and Stanton by the joint assembly. All this was done in about ten hours of actual session, and the triumphant and victory-crowned majority declared an adjournment from Friday noon to this—Tuesday—afternoon.

Gen. McCullough's formal inaugural at the session of Friday morning was the culmination of one of the most exciting periods in the history of the state, and was an event of much solemnity and deep interest. Having previously been declared elected the weary old war horse was conducted to the bar of the House in the presence of the joint assembly and a vast gathering of intensely interested spectators, and the oath was administered by Judge Watson of the supreme court. The doughty old general appeared wan and haggard from much tribulation and many sleepless nights, but his nerve was yet with him, and he signed the oath in a hand which showed no variability or shadow of turning. He then took the chair and read his brief but most interesting message firmly and distinctly. The joint assembly listened with close attention, and appeared to be in cordial sympathy.

The message assumes that a license law will be enacted as a matter of course, and points out the valuable features of many of those now in successful operation in other states. The gradual relief of real estate from direct taxation by revenue from other sources is earnestly suggested, as is also the beginning of a system of abolishing railroad grade crossings. The message also spoke of the apparent necessity of a stringent law regulating the holding of caucuses. The more extensive building of permanent highways was especially urged. The recommendations were few, but most important, as above indicated. In fact the message contained a most valuable bunch of good and timely advice in a small space, and all should receive the immediate and careful attention of the lawmakers. Certainly Gov. McCullough begins well.

The bills thus far introduced are all on the subject of a license law, excepting one creating a law for the government and control of party caucuses. Bills representing Mr. Clement's idea of a license law have been introduced in the senate by Senator Backus of Rutland and in the house by Dr. Peck of Brandon. Another conservative bill on the subject is that of Senator Russell of Hinesburgh, which has many excellent points. Very likely there will be still other license bills introduced, but after a half dozen or less each additional one introduced will add to the difficulty of assimilation and the evolution of a strong bill by the committee. Gov. McCullough is of the opinion that the present Massachusetts law, with a

few changes to suit Vermont conditions, will be found to be the best. It is now proposed, in view of the extraordinary importance of this committee this year, to extend the membership of the house committee on temperance to nine members. Representative Bailey of Newbury was at first slated for the chairmanship of this committee, but it was later decided to utilize his conspicuous abilities as chairman of the committee on railroads. The importance of this committee is increasing every year.

In Judge Ross' biennial report of the doings of the railroad commission he makes a strong plea for increased power to the commission by legislature. The utter helplessness of the board in the enforcement of its decrees has been a standing joke ever since the board was constituted, and the venerable chairman thinks that if the board is not given the power to accomplish something it might as well be abolished. It is difficult, however, to see just what can be done in the direction suggested. A prominent railroad man says that he has no objection to the legislature giving the board all the power it asks for, as it is just as easy to appeal from one order as another. In this way any possible action of the board would be blocked and hung up in the supreme court, so where is the visible relief? The probable action this year will be that the legislature will give the board another two years' lease of life with enlarged jurisdiction, and we will see what we will see. The scramble for positions on the new board is already well under way, although there may be only one change in its present personnel.

The expiration of the term of office of Dr. Holton of Brattleboro on the state board of health will make a vacancy which will probably be filled by his replacement. His place is filled by a new man, Dr. Holton will be appointed clerk of the board by Drs. Stiles and Caverly. They have legal power to do this, and the board will not lose the services of the eminent Brattleboronian. There has been some talk about the establishment of a state hospital for consumptives by the legislature, but it is not thought that this scheme will be pushed at this session.

The throw over the continuance of the cattle commission is certain to be a lurid one, and will come right along now. Those who have suffered extensive loss from the slaughter orders of the board in cases of declared bovine tuberculosis are in deadly earnest in reaching for the scalps of the commission and abolishing the board, and they will be assisted by a warm lobby. Undoubtedly many members favor the annihilation of the board, and an equally stiff fight will be made to retain it.

Religiously the line-up of the legislature is as follows: Senate, Congregationalists, 9; Universalists, 5; Methodists, 3; Episcopal, Christian, Unitarian and Baptist, one each. The remaining nine have no religious preference. In the House there are 49 Congregationalists, 36 Methodists, 29 Universalists, 14 Baptists, 11 Episcopalians, 10 Catholics, 3 Presbyterians, 2 Adventists and one each of Christian, Free Baptist, Spiritualist, Disciple, Friends and Unitarian. A large number express no preference.

Eighteen members of the senate have had more or less legislative experience at one time or another, and twenty-four members of the House have previously served in that body. This gives an unusual amount of lawmaking experience to the general assembly as I indicated last week. My opinion is also strengthened that both houses are unusually strong in ability.

The House committees will be announced by the speaker this afternoon or tomorrow morning, not in time for this correspondence. It may be said, however, that Bailey of Newbury will be chairman of the committee on railroads, McFeeters of Enosburg on judiciary, Vincent of Burlington, ways and means and Morrill of Strafford, game and fisheries. Dr. Peck of Brandon, Mr. Clement's friend, has a position on the railroad committee at the especial request of the latter.

It is much too early to begin an analysis of the personnel of each house and a discussion of personal characteristics. These will come before long, and I promise you some very interesting reading. In such an aggregation there is always endless material for sketches, and it will be daily worked in.

Gov. McCullough and family already occupy the extensive Jewett mansion on Lower State street, which Gov. Smith also occupied as an executive mansion. Later in the session the residence will be the scene of elaborate fashionable functions, much to the edification of the visiting wives and daughters of statesmen and the local 400.

One week from today, the 14th, the joint assembly will elect William Paul Dillingham a United States Senator for the six years next ensuing, and by a tremendous majority. So may and should it be.

J. E. HARRIS.
Montpelier, Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Political Comment.

The preponderance of McCullough sentiment indicates that the fight over the temperance question is not going to be so very severe after all. While there may be some patching of the present law, the prohibitory sentiment will prevail, and Vermont will be saved to temperance and good morals. [Lyndon Union.]

and you awakened the people on an issue they were itching to shout for. You accomplished what, perhaps, no other man in the state could have accomplished. For this you deserve credit. But you were not wanted for governor. The people gave you a handsome vote, but the major portion of it was for a change of the present prohibitory law and not for you as an individual. But Mr. Clement—[Burlington Clipper.]

"For governor in 1904 John H. Merrifield, a man who has no money to spend and no money to waste, and who would not spend it if he had it. Such is the message which blew into the Phoenix office this morning from a bluff Windham county citizen who has nothing for the kind of Vermont politics which has been served up this year. Well, stranger things have happened, and the state might go further and further a great deal worse. Such a happening would show a mighty healthy reaction from the methods of this year's campaign." [Phoenix.]

The lesson has been learned, that the organization must be more regard to the wishes of the rank and file or it will be in danger of overthrow, and the insurgents have learned that there must be a very great superiority of numbers to overcome trained and disciplined political forces. The great lack of the Clement movement has been that of organization. Mr. Clement has been a host in himself and his independent efforts have been ably seconded by his assistants and associates all over the state. But there was no real political machinery, none of the organization that is necessary for thorough and effective political work. Enthusiasm can never take the place of organization and an undisciplined mob is a poor opponent of a well drilled force. [Montpelier Argus.]

It has been a remarkable experience for the Green Mountain state to take part in such a contest. For the first time in years there has been a fight on principles. The governorship has been simply an incident in the contest which has resulted in a political revolution for Vermont. On this incident the legislature has declared its wishes owing to the failure of the people to decide it. The results of the contest have, however, been far reaching. The republican party stands pledged to high license and local option with a referendum, and the vast majority of the members elected are out and out, believers in the principles of license and local option. It now remains for the legislature to enact a suitable high license law to be submitted to the people. Another result of this contest is that Vermont politics will never again be as they have been in the past. [Rutland Herald.]

Brattleboro Weekly Trade Report.

Manufacturers in Vermont are busy and their products are in good demand; while prospects are favorable for fall business, retail trade at present is moderate, unfavorable weather having prevented much activity in this line. Collections are generally reported as fair. Burlington reports business conditions unchanged from last week; the manufacturing industries are well employed, jobbing trade is good, with retail trade and collections as usual. Business is good in Rutland among manufacturers, outside of the commercial section, which is quiet. Retail trade and collections fair. In Bennington the knitting mills are busy as a rule, and the manufacturing interests are in a healthy condition. Retail trade satisfactory considering the unfavorable weather and collections good. Business in the vicinity of Fairlee in all departments is good. The apple crop is better than last year, corn crop small and potatoes not so good. The Elly mines are being worked from bottom of mines to finished ore and about two carloads of soft coal and coke are used daily in furnaces and about sixty horses are used to haul material from Elly station to the plant.

In St. Johnsbury the manufacturers are busy and retail trade and collections are good. Bellows Falls reports the paper mills doing well and there appears to be a good demand for their product. Labor is well employed, collections good and local business conditions are favorable. The manufacturing concerns are well employed at Montpelier, retail trade good for time of year and collections fair. Business in Barre is a little more active than it has been for the past two months. Hardwick reports the grain sheds busy, retail trade good and collections fair. In Brattleboro the manufacturing establishments report well occupied, retail trade and collections fair. Waterbury reports business in manufacturing lines good, retail trade as usual and collections fair. Can follow the average, other crops fair. In Danby a large apple crop is reported, retail trade and collections good, manufacturers are busy.

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There are simply a few of the enjoyable things to be seen by the excursionist on his visit to Boston, October 16th. On that date, the Boston & Maine railroad will run an excursion to Boston from Newbury, Vt., and intermediate stations as far as Wells River at greatly reduced rates. For full information in regard to rates and list of stations, see Boston & Maine postcard.

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"The weather," he continued, "plays an important part in a farmer's life and in this instance its effects upon mine lasted for several years. It was in the spring of 1895. Working in the fields during a long stretch of cold rain and wind brought on an attack of the grip. It took right hold of me and I suffered terribly with it. When that finally went away it left me with the ague. Several doctors prescribed for me but their medicine did me no good. My head ached and I was dizzy; my blood was very bad and I was so very nervous that every little sound annoyed and worried me. Besides this I had a very severe case of stomach trouble, food did not nourish me and my appetite was poor. It would be impossible for me to describe my misery."

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